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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10, and 12 are canceled. Claim 11 is amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 12 and is thus allowable per Examiner's statement on page 6 of the Office Action.

Claims 20, 21 and 24 are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112. For example, claim 20 is amended to recite: "The system according to claim 11 wherein the processor is further configured to handle non-standard virtual concatenation and one or more proprietary concatenation formats". Claim 21 and 24 are similarly amended. Withdrawal of the rejections under of claims 20, 21 and 24 under 35 USC § 112 is thus respectfully requested. Claims 13-27 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is claim 12.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (650) 752-2424.

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